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## Nominate your favorite project to receive City Council's Placemaking Award

**Jan. 14, 2015** - If you know about a recently completed commercial renovation, mixed-use development or new project in Hampton that deserves special recognition by City Council, take a few minutes and nominate it for a Placemaking Award.

Placemaking is the process of adding value and meaning to the public realm through community-based revitalization projects rooted in local values, history, cultures and natural environment

The awards recognize projects that create unique or memorable "places" through preservation, new construction or blight reduction. The idea is to instill civic pride and to support economic development so that Hampton continues to be "the most livable city in Virginia."

There are nine award categories this year, including commercial renovation, design excellence, mixed-use development, sustainability and public placemaking. General criteria include improvement of the physical environment, originality, impact and visibility. All projects must have been completed in 2014.

Feb. 6 is the deadline for nominations. Go to <a href="www.hampton.gov/placemaking">www.hampton.gov/placemaking</a> for more information, including a list of all nine categories, awards criteria, and the nomination form.

Previous top winners or nominees include HH Hunt Homes, Tysinger, The Point Restaurant, The Barking Dog restaurant and the McDonald's restaurant in Coliseum Central.